

Underground Storage Tank (UST) and Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Program Fact Sheet

Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20

Overview of the UST/AST Program

The UST and AST Program includes: leak prevention, oversight of leaking underground tank cleanups, and reimbursement to responsible parties conducting cleanups. Board staff is primarily involved with the oversight of cleanups. Currently, Board staff is actively directing the cleanup work at approximately 435 leaking underground tank sites. Since inception of the program, over 2,900 UST releases have been investigated, remediated and closed at the direction of the Board.

We also work closely with the State Water Board's Cleanup Fund, which provides funding to responsible parties for investigation and remediation of leaking underground storage tank sites.

Program Goals

The highest priority for the UST Program is to protect the public and environment from the effects of unauthorized releases from UST through the investigation and mitigation of the released constituents. Staff will continue to work with Responsible Parties to close active UST cases in as short of time needed to complete the work. When applicable, we will implement the State's Low Threat Closure Policy for USTs and concentrate work on the remaining high-threat cases. For all open cases, we have identified the remaining impediments to closure and posted the findings on GeoTracker so they are available for public viewing.

Resources

In Fiscal Year 2019/20 approximately 13.5 Personnel Years (PYs) of technical staff time and 2.1 PYs of management and support staff will be spent on the UST Program. All technical staff time will be spent managing individual caseloads.

FY 18/19 Accomplishments

- Moved 24 cases into remediation.
- Reviewed 100% of our open cases for possible closure (496 cases)
- Closed 72 Cases

Priority Projects FY 19/20

- Review every open case for possible case closure.
- Ensure that every open case receives at least one case review and written directive/correspondence during the year.
- Update the Path To Closure fields in GeoTracker for every open case so that all Responsible Parties are aware of the steps remaining for case closure.